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## STATE FEDERATION URGES ACTION TO DEFEAT CARGO ACT

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San Francisco, Calif.  
SENATE BILL 342, making the "Hot Cargo" Law permanent—which was passed by the Senate, opposed by the following six senators: Carter, DeLap, Jersperson, O'Gara, Swing, and Tenney—will be heard by the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations on April 24 at 8 p.m., where the Federation representatives will make a most determined stand to keep the bill from being passed by the Committee. Should the bill be given a favorable nod by the Assembly Committee, all support labor can muster in the Assembly will be mobilized for a struggle against its passage. It is most important that the unions continue to express their opposition to this measure by letters to their assemblymen.

SB 580 (Ward)—The anti-Full Crew Law bill—was given a "do-pass" by the Senate Committee on Labor by a vote of 5 to 3. This bill would end permanently the Full Crew Law under which the railroads in California have been operating for many years.

### DISABILITY PROVISIONS

AB 115 (Lyons)—A Federation bill dealing exclusively with the Disability Insurance Act—was amended to provide for the establishment of a special fund composed of the employees' contributions recovered for the years 1944 and 1945, up to December 1, 1946. Determination of the average yield of interest debiting the fund are contained in these amendments. Of great importance is the provision that payment will be provided for partial periods after 7 days' waiting. At the present time there are no partial benefits provided for and an applicant, to receive benefits, must be disabled for a whole week.

### CONTRACTS WITH MINORS

AB 171 (Thomas)—A Federation bill which provides that, regardless of any attempt to create an independent contractor relationship with any minor under the age of 18 (news boys), the presumption should be conclusive that an employment relationship existed—was tabled by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

AB 300 (Sheridan)—A Federation bill which would allow a reasonable fee for services rendered by an injured employee or dependents' attorneys in proceedings involving workmen's compensation—was put over a week by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

AB 460 (Butters et al), which would make it unlawful for any peace officer to organize or assist in organizing, or agree to join any labor organization, etc., was laid over for two weeks by the Judiciary Committee.

### JOBLESS BENEFITS

AB 1328 (Ceddes), which proposes to decrease merit rating to zero, was given a "do-pass" after it was amended to incorporate provisions of AB 108 (Lyons), a Federation bill, and AB 115 (Lyons), a Federation bill. The bill, as recommended by the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance, now provides that the unemployment benefits shall be increased to \$25 per week, with an increase in the schedule from the present maximum quarterly earnings of \$360 to \$660, with \$40 jumps, and with corresponding increases in benefit payments of \$1 per \$40 amount of wages earned in the highest quarter. The original Federation bill sought to establish a \$30 weekly maximum benefit payment. The bill also will increase the duration of payments to 26 weeks, as provided for by Federation bill AB 108, with a technical qualification that if the benefit amount is less than a dollar, it shall be paid at the next highest dollar.

### HOURS FOR WOMEN

SB 478 (Ward), which would exempt women employees from the

## Wall Street Reports Huge 1946 Profits

New York City.  
The astronomical profits piled up by American industry in 1946 were revealed in two separate surveys by Wall St. sources recently.

Barron's, national business and financial weekly, reported that earnings on the Dow-Jones industrial average last year rose to the highest level since the figures were first computed in 1929. Helping industry to achieve the 18-year high were tax kickbacks from the government, Barron's said.

SAMPLE EARNINGS  
The Dow-Jones industrial average for 1946 was \$13.60 compared with \$10.56 in 1945, \$10.07 in 1944 and the record high figure of \$19.94 in 1929. Dividends on the industrial average last year were \$7.50 compared with \$6.69 in 1945 and \$6.57 in 1944.

The dividend total of \$7.50 was only 55 per cent of the estimated earnings for the year. That is the smallest relative distribution in the 18 years for which figures now are available, according to Barron's.

From the Wall Street Journal came a report that earnings of American industry as a whole in 1946 far exceeded those of the previous year. The findings were based on the Journal's compilation of 1946 earnings reported by 340 companies in 21 different industries.

CONSUMER GOODS PROFITS  
Consumer goods industries made the best showings in 1946. Of the 21 groups analyzed, textiles had the greatest gain with a 219.9 per cent increase in earnings over 1945. Pulp and paper products was second, up 162.9 per cent. Distillers was third, showing a gain of 144.6 per cent, and the rubber industry was up 103.9 per cent. Only industrial groups which showed a decline from 1945 were aircraft, autos and equipment, and electrical equipment and supplies.

Total earnings of the 340 companies surveyed were \$2,430,286,232 in 1946 compared to \$1,812,905,953 the year before, an increase of 34 per cent.

End of price controls and elimination of wartime excess profits taxes were responsible for the high industry earnings, the Journal said.

## ASKS 'TEETH' IN LAWS TO GUARD MINER

Washington, D. C.  
The record of neglect of mine inspectors' warnings, topped off by the disastrous Centralia, Ill. mine explosion, make it the duty of Congress to put teeth in the Federal Mine Inspection Act, Rep. Gerald Landis (R., Ind.) told the House.

Landis said he was introducing an amendment to the act giving federal inspectors power to order the closing of any mine violating federal safety regulations, when they feel their power has been limited to reporting violations.

"The United Mine Workers (AFL) Journal has received from the Coal Mines Administration copies of several notices to more than 100 bituminous coal mines directing immediate correction of code violations that were reported by federal mine inspectors," Landis said.

He added that although "no major mine disaster" occurred in bituminous coal mines in 1946 under the federal safety code included in the government's agreement with the union, nearly 58,000 men were killed or injured in coal mine accidents during the year.

U. S. Bureau of Mines records show that during the past 35 years some 66,000 men have been killed in American coal mines.

## Kentucky Unionists Furnished Copies of Parliamentary Rules

Louisville, Ky.  
Kentucky unionists attending meetings can now have the rules of order in their vest pockets. Pocket-size charts on parliamentary procedure have been issued by the Department of Research and Education of the Kentucky Federation of Labor and sent to all affiliated unions throughout the state.

The charts show whether to raise a point of order, amend, postpone indefinitely or appeal, are debatable, amendable, in need of a second, in order when another is speaking, etc. On the back of the charts is a list of congressmen and government agencies.

## House Urged to Restore Slashes In Budget for Labor Department

Cleveland, Ohio  
Restoration of the House-adopted 40 per cent slash in Labor Dept. funds was asked of the Senate by Pres. A. F. Whitney of the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated).

"The Division of Labor Standards will go by the boards and with it the unceasing check needed to prevent unnecessary industrial accidents," Whitney wrote Chairman William F. Knowland of the Senate appropriations committee. "Recently here in Cleveland a 15-year-old boy employed in a factory as a spray painter was hospitalized for 14 weeks and permanently disabled when the paint caught fire."

"The U. S. moved to bring charges against the company involved. This did not help the burned boy, but it did help to check similar accidents in the future."

"It almost seems as if the House desired to turn over to the states federal money which they can use as a slush fund without adequate check by the U. S. government. Similarly with the Veterans Employment Service. How can this agency be expected to service the needs of jobless veterans when its funds have been slashed by 34 per cent?"

"It would also seem that the House is not altogether in sympathy with enforcing the current low minimum wage of 40c an hour. In utter disregard of the imperative need to employ sufficient inspectors to see that this standard is enforced, the House would slash the appropriation of the wage and hour division by 25 per cent."

"I have always believed in economy. But the House action is not economy. Its reckless disregard of the needs of the great body of labor, management, veterans, women and children for assistance through the tested and proved services of the Labor Dept. will cost the country heavily in the months ahead."

## REPUBLICAN URGES MORE LIBERALIZED SECURITY

Washington, D. C.  
America's social security system must be re-evaluated, Sen. Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.) told the Senate as he introduced a resolution to create a 14-member joint committee on social security.

Higher standards are needed, Wiley said, "in these years, when prices have gotten far out of line and the purchasing power of the dollar has declined." He urged other Republicans to support his proposal saying: "Surely, if there is any single issue on which the Republican party or any party can gain the unyielding admiration of the American people, it is on the issue of promoting the security of our citizens in an insecure world."

The joint committee to study security plans and make recommendations to Congress he described as "but the first small step," which would let people know "the Republican Congress is on its toes eager to explore the whole subject of social security with adequate, integrated resources—with an open mind, with a sympathetic heart."

Wiley pointed to the present average payments to the blind under the Social Security Act, of \$33.67 per month, and only \$55.42 monthly to families with dependent children where the breadwinner has died.

## Al Capone Era Revived in War To Seize Union

Chicago, Illinois  
A second shooting of an official of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Intl. Alliance and Bartenders League was interpreted here as a further development in the bitter fight for control of the union.

Dennis Kelly, 34, business agent for the Joliet local, was seriously wounded by gunmen in Lockport, Ill. Kelly was reported to be backing the campaign of James D. Crowley, Chicago bartenders union head, for an international vice-presidency at the international convention which was to open in Milwaukee.

Crowley was the target of gunfire on March 18, when his wife was killed in an ambush obviously set up to get him. Although in the hospital where he is recovering from shoulder wounds, Crowley is still a candidate in the bitter struggle for the union post. His opponent is James Blakely, said to be at one time associated with Capone gangsters, who now holds the office.

## Local 890 Offers News For Veterans

Warehousemen's Union 890 has started a series of special news items for veterans who are members of Local 890 and other unions, and this service will be continued, reports Secretary P. A. Andrade of the union.

The news column of Warehousemen 890 is printed each week in the Monterey County Labor News. Watch this column regularly for news of interest to veterans.

## Notes From Your Social Security Office

Benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program are based on your earnings. Therefore, it's to your advantage to see that you receive credit for all your wages.

If you want to know how much has been credited to your personal Social Security account, get in touch with the San Mateo field office of the Social Security Administration, 22 North B Street. They have a postcard which you may mail to the central office at Baltimore to obtain a statement of your wages, as reported by your employers.

Then, if you think a mistake has been made, the San Mateo office will be glad to straighten it out for you.

Don't wait too long, though. Some errors cannot be corrected after four years.

Wage statements at this time will show your wages through last June, or possible September. Your complete 1946 record will be available on July 1, 1947.

## Painters 1104 Of Salinas Report Deaths

Two deaths were reported last week by Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, Business Agent Carl Lara expressing sympathies of all union members to survivors.

Mrs. Laura Hamilton, wife of John Hamilton, passed away on April 5. John Hamilton is well known by members of Local 1104 and his son, William Hamilton, is a painting contractor here.

Jack Sickford, former union business agent, reported death of his father in Southern California. Details were not given.

## State Organizer Visits Salinas Painters Union

Al King, California organizer for the Painters international union, was a visitor at last week's meeting of Painters Union 1104, Business Agent Carl Lara of the union reports.

Lara said Bro. King discussed policies and plans for the painters in his address before the good attendance at the meeting.

Three new members were initiated at the meeting.

## Laborers Report Work Plentiful

Laborers Union 272 reported last week that employment is continuing to be good for laborers in the Salinas area.

Business Representative J. B. McGinley said that new jobs are headed by sewer installation work by Monterey County Plumbing Co. at the new air base housing project.

Work is to be started shortly on the new business district on South Main Street, McGinley added.

## Deer Attending Negotiations Meet in Merced

John W. Deer, business representative for Box Makers Union 3034 of Salinas, was in Merced last week to attend a negotiations meeting for the craft. He was due back this week.

## Ted Harrison, Bartender, Ill

Ted Harrison, head bartender at Biff's El Estero in Monterey, was seriously ill in a Monterey hospital last week. Officials of Culinary-Bartenders 483, said details were not known of the extent of the illness.

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT SET-UP IS EXPLAINED

MacKenzie Dodson, unemployment insurance manager for the California Department of Employment, made the following statement last week regarding the present unemployment situation in the Salinas area.

"One of the basic reasons for Unemployment Insurance is stabilization of buying power in a community. This is especially important in areas like Salinas where unemployment is highly seasonal. Without this extra money in circulation, business would decline to an even lower level and further unemployment would result. Mass unemployment is a social as well as an individual problem because public agencies would have to care for needy cases if there were no Unemployment Insurance. Total benefits paid during March for Readjustment Allowances and Unemployment Insurance in the Salinas area was \$275,000, or \$60,000 a week.

"On the other hand," said Dodson, "every possible safeguard has been set up to protect the fund against illegal withdrawals. There are definite penalties for fraud and offenders are brought before local courts when proof is discovered. The general public is invited to give proper information in cases where claimants are earning over \$20 a week and drawing unemployment benefits, but care should be taken that such reports are accurate. In no case will the identity of the person giving such information be disclosed and it is the duty of the public in general to assist us in the proper administration of the fund to which most of them contribute."

"Employers are urged to give us any pertinent information regarding eligibility of former employees, and document in this respect is of far more value than a verbal message, although both are welcome. Such documents should be addressed to M. Dodson, U. I. Manager, California Department of Employment, 125 Monterey Street, Salinas, California."

## Squid Catch Keeps Cannery Hard at Work

Monterey's Cannery Row was humming last week to the tune of a minor boom as an unusually heavy catch of squid kept several plants busy, the Fish Cannery Workers Union reports.

Plants putting up squid included San Xavier, Hovden, Sea Beach, San Carlos, Edgewater, Peninsula Pack and California Frozen Fish, it was reported.

Plants telephoned the union for extra help, both men and women, to handle the pack, the union said.

Business Agent Lester Caveny, who has returned from the Seafarers International Union convention at Chicago, will report on the convention at tonight's (Friday) meeting of the Monterey FCWU.

## Co-ordinators In Discussion On New Bricks

The AFL Co-ordinating Committee at Salinas devoted much of its meeting last week to discussion of jurisdiction over construction work with the new hollow concrete block bricks, which are becoming a popular building material here because of their ease in installation.

It was agreed that the jurisdiction was in the hands of union bricklayers and other craftsmen were instructed to observe this jurisdiction. Because of the interlocking nature of the new bricks, almost anyone can use them for buildings.

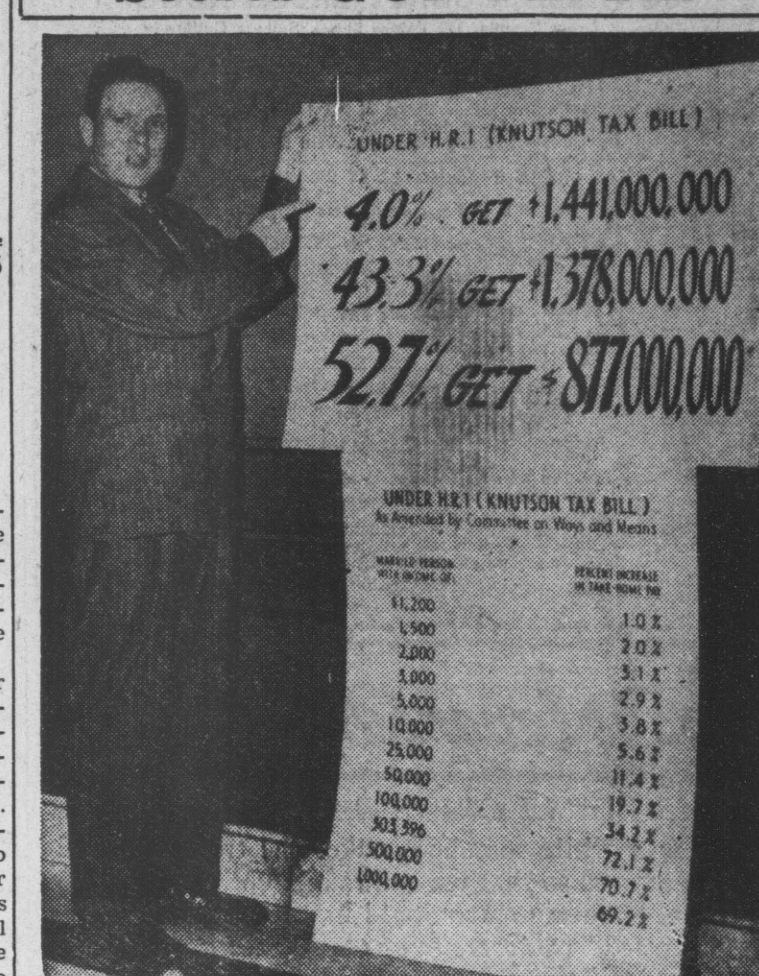
Almost all crafts in the building industry were represented at last week's committee meeting. A study of unfair jobs in the area was discussed also.

## Pearl Robinson Due Back Monday

Pearl Robinson, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, is due back from the international convention of her craft some time next week, probably Monday, the union reports.

Her husband, Roland Robinson, traveled back to meet her at Omaha, Nebraska, and they were to spend a few days with friends and relatives in the Mid-West. The convention was at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## Scores GOP Tax Bill



Rep. Albert Gore (D. Tenn.) points to charts that prove how unfair the GOP-sponsored income tax reduction bill is to low income groups. Already through the House, the measure is also expected to pass the Senate. It once again bears out the old adage: "It's the people who pay and pay." (Federated Pictures)

## SENATORS URGED TO HELP RESTORE CUTS IN DEPT. OF LABOR

San Francisco, Calif.

In a letter to Senators Knowland and Downey, C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the Federation, has requested that the cut of \$13,714,500 in the appropriation for the Department of Labor, voted by the House of Representatives, be restored in order that this essential government service may continue to operate. The appropriation for the operation of the Department was reduced by 43 per cent under the \$31,850,700 figure approved by the Budget Bureau and the President.

Unless the money that was voted out by the House, is restored, the following effects would result:

1—Elimination of 103 specific positions in the Conciliation Service, half of them commissioners and supervisors.

2—An 80 per cent reduction in funds for the administration of the United States Employment Service would eliminate the coordination of state employment services as well as technical assistance now provided for them under the Wagner-Peyser Act, and permit only book-keeping in the grants to states. Field offices would be closed and the machinery for national mobilization of manpower destroyed.

3—The monthly national Consumers' Price Index, now issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, would be changed to quarterly releases, and the number of special indices for localities cut and issued quarterly instead of monthly. Retail food prices indices, now available monthly for 56 cities, would be issued quarterly for 34 cities. Family budget studies would be discontinued. Field offices of the Bureau would be closed.

4—The Division of Labor Standards would be abolished, ending Federal activities in the promotion of industrial safety and in the aiding of states to develop better labor and workmen's compensation laws. Funds for the enforcement of the Federal law against exploitation of child labor would be cut more than 50 per cent, and this would be transferred to the Wage and Hour Division.

5—A 25 per cent cut for operation of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division would reduce regional offices from 13 to 9, and decrease by 25 per cent the inspecting forces and number of inspections.

6—The 13 regional offices of the Solicitor's office would be reduced to six and operations curtailed. OPERATIONS CURTAILED  
Other operations, including the International Labor Relations activities of the secretary's offices, would be reduced considerably. There would be a general reduction of, roughly, 40 per cent in the staff of the Department of Labor, which now has about 6700 full-time employees.

The Federation has strongly urged Senator Knowland, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to oppose the proposed cut in appropriations, passed by the House of Representatives, as it would work havoc with these necessary services, which benefit not only labor, but management and the country as a whole.

## Motorcade in Michigan Campaigns for FEPC

Lansing, Michigan.  
Labor's campaign for a state FEPC was spotlighted by a motorcade here urging action by the legislature. On a technically the state supreme court recently barred FEPC from the ballot.

## Knowland Votes To Help Cripple Wage-Hour Law

On March 21 the United States Senate voted on HR 2157, which offered crippling amendments to the Federal Wage-Hour Law. This bill, called a "green light measure for sweatshops and chiseling employers," was passed, and at the time this was written the only chance to lick it lay in the veto power of the President. At any rate, Senator Sheridan Downey voted against it, while Senator William F. Knowland voted FOR it. Now, don't you wish you had voted for Will Rogers, Jr?

## U.N. Gets \$8,500,000 for Headquarters



Shaking hands over the gift that paved the way for United Nations headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Trygve Lie (center), representing the United Nations, accepts an \$8,500,000 check from John D. Rockefeller III (right), who acts for his father. Looking on is New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer. The \$8,500,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will be used to purchase the U. N. headquarters site.



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

### MEDUSA GRINS BACK AT US

Once in a while somebody takes the trouble to hold up a big mirror so that we can take a collective look at ourselves. Katherine Archibald has done this in "Wartime Shipyard" (University of California Press, Berkeley, \$3.75) and the reflection is not pleasant. She does such an expert job, however, that we in the labor movement ought to take a *good* look—even if we recoil at what we see.

"Wartime Shipyard" is a composite picture of the folks who built and repaired ships for Uncle Sam at Moore Dry Dock in Oakland in the hectic '40s. The author decided to view it, not from the Campanile, but as "another dame" sweating it out in overalls. But she worked with a sharp eye on her fellow humans and a notebook into which she recorded what she saw and heard.

On paper we unionists are all pledged to brotherhood, solidarity, tolerance. Actually, we're walking repositories of a dozen and one social prejudices. The men glowering at women on the job; the whites ostracizing the colored; the Jews trying to pass as "Spaniards" to avoid discrimination; the native Californians (and some of them not so native) losing no opportunity to complain about the "Okie invasion"; the horrendous attitude of new union recruits who had no comprehension of the function of collective bargaining agencies and considered the union a blackjack to knock dues out of them for the enrichment of a few officials.

Union people ought to read this book. It will give them some sort of idea of how far we still have to go to achieve democracy when so many workers can be so mean and petty to so many of their fellows.

### DIRT FARMER'S REWARD

There are farmers, and then there are the farmers who farm the farmers. Plenty of money has been made in farming through the war years and since, but dirt farmers, as a class, are not exactly rolling in wealth.

For instance, the U. S. Department of Agriculture tells us that, as of the first of this year, 10 per cent of the farm operators held 75 per cent of all farmer-owned savings bonds, but that one-half of the farm operators had *no* bonds.

The Department also tells us that the average farm income last year was just \$2,250. You compare that with the annual wages of a steadily employed plumber, printer, or electrician and see how "munificent" the figure is. Of course, what helps bring the average down so low is the sub-normal income of farmers in southern states. For instance, the average in West Virginia was \$896, and among Negro and poor white farmers in Georgia it is *less* than \$500!

It's about time for the tenant farmers and sharecroppers to get wise to themselves, organize a national union, affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, quit worrying along on skimmed milk and go out after some of the cream!

### TO HIM WHO HATH

Analysis of the Knutson tax bill which was passed by the House shows that a worker (with a wife and two children) who makes \$2,444 a year would save \$12.48 in taxes, but a big company official who makes \$300,000 a year would save \$46,654 in taxes. In other words, the little \$47-a-week guy would get an increase in take-home pay of one half of one per cent, while the \$300,000-a-year official would get an increase in take-home pay of 61 per cent!

To our misrepresentatives in Washington, this is known as democracy—no doubt the kind they insist on exporting to Greece, Turkey and China!

### WHY IT'S "WRONG"

The Treasury Department reports that people put nearly a billion dollars into U. S. Savings Bonds during January, 1947. However, the Department points out: "The one thing wrong with this rosy picture is that not enough E bonds of \$25 to \$100 denomination are being sold to the people of average income."

That's an easy one: Due to soaring living costs and lagging wages, people of average income can't save money like they did during the war. They need it to eat on. The big bulk of the bonds are being bought by those making lush profits or incomes of five figures or more.

### YOU FIGURE IT OUT

Drew Pearson reports that about 30,000 Greeks have been imprisoned under the "thought control" law. This law, he says, makes it a prison offense to say anything against the King. And this is the sort of thing the American people are asked to underwrite with American weapons and a quarter of a billion dollars!

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

A farmer brought a load of produce to town, sold it for a good price, then decided to surprise his wife, who was always scolding him for wearing such old, worn clothes. So he bought a complete new outfit and stowed the packages under the seat of the car. Half way home he came to a river. Here he pulled off his clothes, threw them in the river, and reached under the seat of the car for the new ones. They were gone. Some town thief had got them. Thoughtfully he climbed back into the car, stepped on the starter, and said:

"Well, I'll surprise her, anyway."

### LACONIC REJECTION

HE: "Well, baby, what's the good word?"  
SHE: "No."

### TERRIFIC R.P.M.

A woman approached the pearly gates and spoke to Saint Peter. "Do you know if my husband is here? His name is Smith."  
"Lady, we have lots of them here. You'll have to be more specific."  
"Joe Smith."  
"Lotsa those, too. You'll have to be more definite."  
"Well, when he died he said that if I was ever untrue to him, he'd turn over in his grave."  
"Oh, you mean 'Pinwheel Smith.'"

### INDIRECT TECHNIQUE

He rounded a bend at close to forty. A sudden skid and the car overturned. They found themselves sitting together, unhurt, alongside the smashed car. He put his arm around her waist, but she drew away.  
"It's all very nice," she sighed, "but wouldn't it have been easier to run out of gas?"

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

One morning recently a young woman

Got out of bed  
Slipped into her robe  
Stepped into her slippers  
Raised the shade  
Uncovered the parrot  
Put on the coffee pot  
Answered the phone  
Heard a masculine voice say:  
"Hello honey, I just got off the ship. I'm coming right up."

So the young woman unlocked the door

Took off the coffee pot  
Pulled down the shade  
Covered up the parrot  
Took off her robe  
Stepped out of her slippers  
Slipped back into bed  
And heard the parrot grumble:  
"God-damn, what a short day THAT was!"

### REWARD OF PATIENCE

An old farmer went to the movies for the first time. He watched the proceedings with interest, especially one scene in which a group of girls started to undress to go swimming. During this process a train passed by and in the next scene they were shown in the water.

The old man had gone into the show early in the afternoon. Late that evening, an usher, seeing him still in his seat, came up to him and asked why he stayed through so many performances.  
"Waal," drawled the old coddler, "I figger that one of these times that train is goin' to be late."

### VERSATILE MAMA

One of Dorothy Parker's more telling retorts was in answer to the snobbish young man who had been discoursing at some length at a party and had finally observed, "I simply can't bear fools."  
"How odd," was Miss Parker's reply, "Apparently your mother could."

OH! THAT'S DIFFERENT  
MINISTER: "Why, really, I'm surprised that you wish to get married so soon. Your husband passed away only four months ago."  
WIDOW: "Well, you see he was an invalid for almost a year."

## Australian Labor Hits Position On Palestine

Sydney, Australia  
Trade Unions in Australia have protested to the British Government about the policy it has been pursuing in Palestine. The Illawarra District Trades and Labor Council sent a protest to the British Government and to the World Federation of Trade Unions, after passing a resolution expressing "disapproval of British policy towards the Jewish workers in Palestine." In a letter to the British Prime Minister, the Actors Equity Association of Australia stated: "We protest against the British Government's exclusion of any Jews from Palestine."

### Might Help Some

"But it's so small," protested the prospective tenant who was inspecting an apartment.  
"Never mind," said the landlord. "We'll make it larger for you; we'll scrape off the wallpaper."

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

## Books

**THE GOVERNING OF MEN**, by Lieut. Commander Alexander H. Leighton. Published by Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey. Price \$3.75.

The war has been over for some time, memories are short, the Japanese are again pretty much reabsorbed into agriculture and industry, and few people think any further about the days when a large minority of West Coast residents were torn away from their homes, farms and businesses and sent to concentration camps.

Lt. Commander Leighton and Princeton University Press have performed a public service in authoring and publishing this fine study of the human problem involved in setting up and governing a typical relocation center—the one at Poston, Arizona.

Beginning at the evacuation period, Commander Leighton (a trained psychiatrist and anthropologist assigned to study and report on the experiment) discusses the intake of Issei, Nisei and Kibei, the building up of community planning, self-government and social organization, and the method of dealing with natural resentment and rebellion over being uprooted and dispossessed in such drastic fashion.

As a result of these years of experience, it is possible to lay down certain principles of government applicable, not only to the handling of minorities in times of national emergency, but to general problems of governing. Poston, like other relocation centers, was a laboratory experiment in sociological procedure. Commander Leighton reveals himself as a profound scholar, a keen observer and a genuine humanitarian. "The Governing of Men" is a social document of permanent value—one which sociologists will consult for years to come. The book is of special interest to Californians who sincerely wish to understand the Japanese "problem."

The value of the book is greatly enhanced by many excellent illustrations of life in Poston, and various maps and charts make clear the progress in bringing order, hope and purpose out of chaos. The small souls whose "solution" of minority problems is boycott and arson should be sentenced to read and memorize "The Governing of Men!"

### —AL SESSIONS.

**THE NEW SCIENCE OF SURGERY**, by Frank G. Slaughter, M.D. Published by Julian Messner, Inc., 8 West 40th St., New York 18, N.Y. Price \$4.00.

One of the most fascinating of subjects is the enormous strides made in the field of surgery and medicine, and in this new Messner book Dr. Slaughter does a bang-up job of telling the story so that it is comprehensible to the average layman.

The development of surgery since World War I has been stupendous. While it is true that the United States has led the field, nevertheless it can be said that many nations have contributed generously to our store of knowledge. One of the outstanding achievements is modern know-how in dealing with "shock" transfusions, plasma, red cells, adrenal glands, etc.) which succeeded in saving 96 per cent of those wounded in the late war.

In 26 absorbing chapters, Dr. Slaughter discusses the history and development of the various anasthetics, use of penicillin, sulfadiazine, antibiotics, streptomycin, surgery on the battlefield, treatment for burns and skin grafting, plastic

surgery and artificial limbs, psychosomatic surgery (study of the effects of emotions upon disease) surgical, X-ray and radium treatment of cancer, medicine and surgery in the tropics.

At the end of the book the author calls attention to the fact that so few people can afford the benefits of the latest discoveries in medicine and surgery and concludes by advocating "group medicine, with some form of pre-payment insurance." I agree that this is an advance, but it cannot do the whole job. I think our health system should be operated on the same basis as our public school system—everybody pays for basic health care and, if he can afford it, he can get treatment outside the system. Only such a system can get costs down to where the average wage-earner can be protected and where preventive medicine can function adequately.

However, this is no criticism of the book as a whole. "The New Science of Surgery" will prove as fascinating to you, I am sure, as it did to me.

### —AL SESSIONS.

### Pocket Book Releases

Thorne Smith's "The Passionate Witch" and "The Glorious Pool" have sold more than a million copies in the 25c Pocket Book editions. Another of his comic-fantasies, "The Night Life of the Gods," is currently on the newsstands. Other releases are "Good Night, Sweet Prince," topnotch biography of John Barrymore by Gene Fowler; "Father Malachy's Miracle," by Bruce Marshall, author of the best-selling "The World, the Flesh and Father Smith"; "Wife for Sale," by Kathleen Norris; "Before the Fact," probably one of the two or three best suspense stories every written, by Francis Iles; "Murder Out of Turn," mystery by Frances and Richard Lockridge. —A. E. S.

## Arrest Officers For Closed Shop Union Contracts

Chattanooga, Tenn.  
T. R. Cuthbert, editor of the Chattanooga Labor World, and two AFL officials were arrested here on charges of violating Tennessee's anti-closed shop law, first step in testing the constitutionality of the new legislation.

Arrested with Cuthbert were Pres. Paul Harte and Sec. Claude W. Shipley of Local 165, Intl. Printing Pressmen & Assistants Union, with whom the editor had signed a closed shop contract the morning of their arrest. In the afternoon two men applied for jobs on the Labor World as press helpers and were turned down by Cuthbert because they were not members of the union and refused to join. One of the applicants, William Haley, then brought the action. The three men were bound over to the grand jury.

Cuthbert said the suit was arranged by the AFL in the hope of getting a U. S. Supreme Court ruling on the open shop law. Employers in the state, he told Federated Press, would rather not have a legal test, preferring to hold the law as a threat over the heads of organized labor. "They know the law's unconstitutional," he said. The Labor World, an FP member paper, also has closed shop contracts with the Typographical and Mailers' Unions.



"It's too darn bad," said Little Luther. "It's just too darn bad."  
"What bothers you, son?" asked Mr. Dilworth, putting an affectionate arm around the boy. "Anything I can do to make things better?"  
"I'm afraid not, Pop," said Little Luther. "This isn't up your alley at all. But it's really TOO darn bad."

"Don't forget I'm a member of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, Luther," his father pointed out, "and there's practically nothing the NAM can't do, with this Congress and administration so friendly."

"This is so bad even the NAM can't fix it," said Little Luther. "And it IS too darn bad. If things were only a little different!"

"Would a little increase in your allowance take care of it?" his father asked.

"From you," said Little Luther, "that is the supreme sacrifice. Greater sacrifice than this no son can ask of his old man. . . But no, that won't change matters. It's just too DARN bad."

"Son," confided Mr. Dilworth, "you have my curiosity aroused. Now I don't want to appear too prying, I'm no FBI man, I'm not even a loyalty policeman or a Dies committee investigator. . ."

"I'm glad to hear it," said Little Luther. "I've sometimes wondered. But even a congressional scab couldn't do anything about THIS. It's just too darn BAD."

"I wouldn't like to tap your wires," continued Mr. Dilworth, "but . . ."

"Try THAT and I'll tap your conk," said Little Luther. "The only thing I hate worse than a wiretap is a scab or a stool-pigeon."

"But," Mr. Dilworth persisted, "I MUST know what it is that's too darn bad."

"Oh, that," said Little Luther. "Why didn't you ask? I simply think it's too bad the miners aren't Greeks."

"Greeks?" queried Mr. D. "Migawd," said Little Luther, "do I have to explain what a Greek is? Don't you read that filthy news-sheet they defile our porch with every afternoon?"

"Of course I know, Luther. But why do you say it's too bad the miners aren't Greeks?"

"Why, if they were Greeks," Little Luther explained patiently, "instead of dying like rats in death-trap mines, they'd have fine speeches made about them by Truman, Congress would drop even its union-busting and price-raising business to pass a \$400 million appropriation for them, Henry Luce's Life magazine would devote half an issue to their plight, the radio commentators would sob away the nights about how they were being mistreated, the mine owners would be denounced as reds, and the U. S. Army, Navy and Marines would gallop to their rescue astride A-Bombs. It's too darn bad the miners aren't Greeks."

"You're wrong, son," said Mr. Dilworth, gravely.

"Wrong?" Little Luther demanded.

"Wrong," said Mr. D. "If the miners were Greeks, they'd keep on getting the dirty end of the stick. What you should say is, if the miners were only Greek KINGS."

"Check, Pop: It's too bad the miners aren't Greek KINGS."

## Where to Fish

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
Although it is too early to predict conditions in Orange County on opening of trout season, National Automobile Club reports Santiago Creek has been planted with 375 fish, averaging three to the pound. This is the best stream in the county. Trabuco Creek, second best, has been planted with 600 adult trout along with an equal number of fingerlings.

### EXCHEQUER LAKE

Indications point to a dry year and, if so, the water in Exchequer Lake, Mariposa County, should warm up early so that bass can spawn before the season opens. The last three years have been poor spawn years.

### CREEK FISHING

Catfishing is improving in Walker and Willow Creeks of Glenn County and warm sunny days are bringing out the fishermen. Two cats, weighing six and five pounds, were recently taken from Stony Reservoir.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO TROUT

Arroyo Grande and Lopez Creeks of San Luis Obispo County received a good stocking of aged fish from the Fillmore hatchery during the past week. Fishing should be fair in these streams on opening day.

### FALL RIVER FISHERMEN

Hundreds of catfishermen are reported to be working the Fall River district of Shasta County, with several good catches being taken.

To love and lose is one thing—to love and win is several.

## Vets Stopped by Court



Ordered off Philadelphia streets by a court ruling, 100 members of the GI Taxicab Assn. are stopped from operating cabs as a group. A few of the men may be able to get individual licenses—but for most it means unemployment. The cars are parked in this lot as drivers and families stand by. (Federated Pictures)

## Rail Men Condemn "Pattern" Wage as "Vise on Earnings"

Railroad Brotherhoods have come out strongly against the wartime "pattern plan" on wage increases declaring that it has been a "vise that crushed and warped labor's earning power out of all resemblance to pre-war conditions."

Writing in "Labor," the national weekly, Pres. D. B. Robertson of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen declares that the pattern plan is used to great advantage by management. The five operating rail brotherhoods, representing 400,000 workers, have given an April 25 deadline on their request for 20 cents increase.

Bro. Robertson's statement follows:

### "PATTERN" PUBLICITY

"Already, the trained seals in the Tory propaganda circus are barking. In newspapers and over the radio, they are whipping up hysteria for a 'pattern' of wage raises to settle union requests this year.

"It is a clever campaign and the early response must be gratifying to profiteers who enriched themselves while the 'Little Steel' and reconversion wage formulas were imposed on labor—and who would like to grow still fatter at the same trough.

### AN EASY OUT

"Newspaper writers and editors have greedily swallowed their bait. Radio commentators have gone along with the editors. Even a few government officials responsible for mediating labor disputes have grasped eagerly at the chance to walk up to the collective bargaining table and offer the rubber 'pattern' as a basis for settling such disputes.

"Surely organized labor learned a painful lesson during the war and reconversion emergencies. Labor cooperated then because it earnestly sought to do its part toward stabilization.

"Unfortunately, the pattern plan, even in wartime, was made effective only for labor. Despite OPA's best efforts, prices soared with few exceptions.

### INEQUITIES INTOLERABLE

"Railroad labor suffered most severely of all under the wartime wage pattern. Its earning position was comparatively weak in December, 1941, and the application of the Little Steel formula only served to weaken it further.

"When the reconversion wage pattern of last year was applied on top of the Little Steel formula, the inequities became intolerable.

"Railroad labor, in the light of today's living costs, simply can't accept just another pattern wage raise and continue to be the important factor it has been in the American economy."

**18 1/2-CENT RAISE WIPED OUT**  
He then pointed out that living costs have skyrocketed 52.8 per cent and have wiped out last year's 18 1/2-cent raise and that rail workers must have not less than 18 cents to get back to their buying power at the 1941 level.

"How many other groups of American workers, like rail labor, were caught at relatively low hourly rates when a 'freeze date' was set on wages during the war is not clear. But there must be many of them and they, like the railroad workers, know that any new pattern will not only perpetuate cruel inequities, but that a continuation of pattern wages will thrust them deeper into the bog of economic injustice."

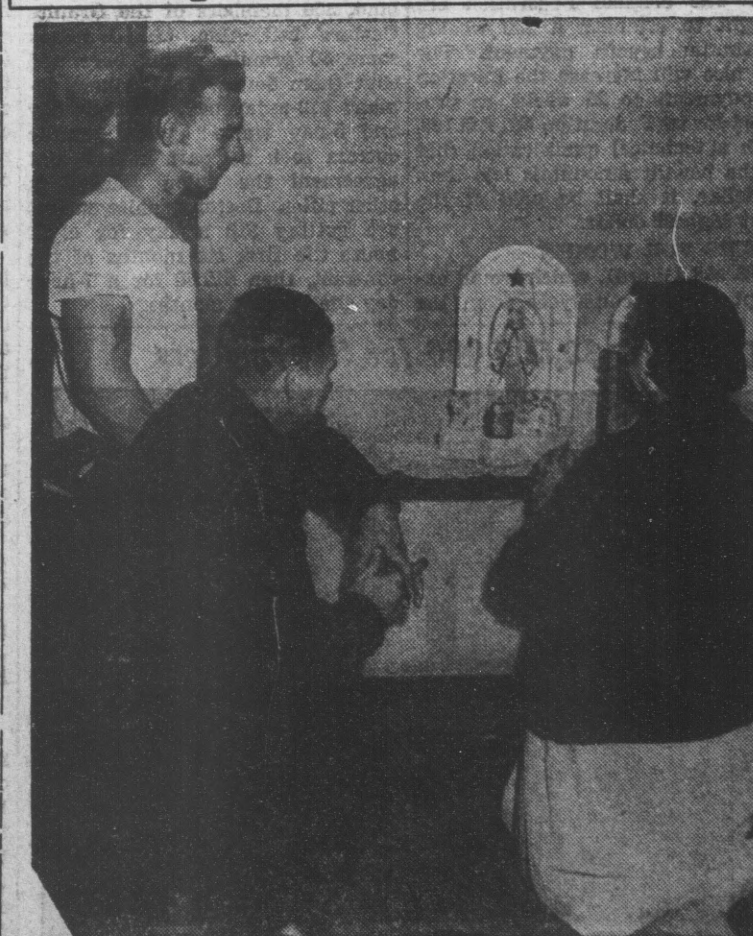
Meanwhile, it is generally agreed that those wage-earners who came under wartime "stabilization" orders gave up hundreds of millions in wage increases which would normally have been due them.

### Well, No Wonder

One day an impressively large elephant came upon an undersized mouse.

"Boy, you're small," sneered the elephant. "Why, you're the most insignificant thing I've ever seen."  
"Yeah, I know," said the mouse. "I've been sick."

## Pray for Mine Victims



In memory of the 111 Centralia dead, a family group of mine workers pray at the altar in their home. Similar scenes took place throughout the nation as 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers (AFL) observed a week of mourning for the men who died because safety regulations were violated by mine owners. (Federated Pictures)



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## Wouldn't You Like a Job as A Coal Miner?

Washington, D. C.  
The 111 miners killed in  
the Centralia, Ill., disaster  
are but a handful of the  
total claimed each year by  
safety violations and negli-  
gence in the nation's coal  
pits.

From 1942 to 1945, 6,224 miners  
died in accidents and the preli-  
minary figure for 1946 is 974, ac-  
cording to official government fig-  
ures.

**COLOSSAL CARNAGE**  
Total number of casualties for  
the 1942-45 period was 322,637,  
which almost equals the 375,000  
men now employed in the soft coal  
mines. Thus statistically almost  
every man in the industry was  
either killed or injured in the  
four-year period!

The number killed from all  
causes annually, 1906-45, averaged  
1,981, which means that for every  
working day in 39 years five men  
were killed outright.

Permanent total, permanent  
partial and temporary disabilities  
for the 1930-44 period were 1,004,  
524—well over twice the number  
of men employed in the industry.

**MOSTLY PREVENTABLE**  
In 1941 Secretary of the Interior  
Harold L. Ickes stated that 75 per  
cent of mine accidents are pre-  
ventable. Six years later, with the  
federal safety code on the books,  
technicians in the U. S. Bureau of  
Mines are still of that opinion. In  
addition they point out that with  
increased mechanization and tech-  
nological changes the chances for  
accidents are even greater today.

Approximately 27 violations of  
the federal safety code were found  
in each mine since the government  
took over their operation, accord-  
ing to R. R. Sayers, director of  
the U. S. mines bureau. Yet the  
mines, including the one in Cen-  
tral, were permitted to continue  
operations without correcting the  
violations.

Only two mines were found to  
be complying completely with the  
safety code, Sayers found. Total  
number of inspections since the  
safety code went into effect last  
July is 1,723, making the total  
number of violations 46,521.

## Congress Tories Still Trying to Gut Labor Board

Washington, D.C.  
Still pursuing its policy of block-  
ing the work of the NLRB, the  
House Appropriations Committee  
has refused a supplemental \$695,700  
to the board, but hastily granted a  
request for \$395,000 to combat the  
tuskmoth in northern Idaho.

The NLRB requested the addi-  
tional money with the hope that it  
could get current on its heavy  
backlog of cases early in 1949.  
News of the committee's refusal  
came with the release of HR 2849,  
the deficiency appropriation bill. It  
contained no reference whatever to  
the NLRB.

Included in the measure, how-  
ever, was approval of a grant of  
\$395,000 to control the tuskmoth  
which is threatening the timber-  
lands of a large block of prop-  
erty owned by Potlatch Assn., and  
70,000 acres of federal forest.

Although there are 350,000 acres  
involved and only 20 per cent is  
U.S. owned, the committee agreed  
to finance 66 per cent of the cost  
of wiping out the moth, which eats  
off the leaves and thus kills trees.

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ment covering the Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister areas was  
signed on Thursday, April 10th. The changes are: \$1.25 per hour  
minimum and time and one-half after eight hours; time and one-  
half on the following holidays: Sunday, New Year's Day, Wash-  
ington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day,  
Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.**

The industry has also agreed to  
elective coverage. The Seniority  
clause has been slightly changed  
from the 1946 agreement. Make  
sure that you are listed in the  
proper order of seniority; such a  
list shall be posted in a conspicuous  
place in each barn.

The retroactive date for wages is  
December 1, 1946; payment for  
back wages will be made on May  
3. Retroactivity applies to the Im-  
perial and Yuma areas also.

This contract will run until  
April 1, 1948; copies of the contract  
are being printed and shall be  
available for all drivers by May 1.

We ask that all drivers of trucks,  
loaders, silver kings and bugs, give  
their names and addresses as well  
as names of beneficiary correctly  
to the Union for the purpose of  
filling out your insurance forms.  
It is important that all drivers keep  
their dues paid up in order to qual-  
ify under the conditions pertaining  
to insurance. Your Union suggests  
that you pay your dues quarterly,  
three months in advance as this  
will insure you to keep in good  
standing with the Union; it is  
rather difficult to come in to the  
office every month due to irregular  
hours on the job.

**TO ALL MEMBERS IN ALL  
AREAS:** Your Union has Social Se-  
curity cards in the office if you  
desire it, the office will fill out  
one of these cards for you and  
mail it to the Social Security  
Board, Baltimore, Maryland, re-  
questing a statement of your wages  
recorded against your old age and  
survivors insurance act. There is  
no charge for this information.

**DID YOU FILL OUT YOUR IN-  
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FICE OF THE UNION?** It is im-  
portant that we have certain in-  
formation with regards to age, cor-  
rect name and address, name of  
beneficiary, etc. If you have not  
filled out one of these cards, do  
so at your earliest convenience.  
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efits: Gilbert Carpenter, 641 New  
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vices. Report anyone not in the  
union by phoning 4893 or report-  
ing to the office in person.**

**AMPUTEE VETERANS**  
Amputee veterans of World War  
II were assured today by the Vet-  
erans Administration that they will  
still receive their automobiles from  
the Government even though they  
are unable to obtain delivery before  
the June 30 deadline cancels the  
\$30,000,000 appropriation to pay for  
the cars.

The ruling, announced by Col.  
Thomas J. Cross, deputy adminis-  
trator of VA for California, Ari-  
zona, Nevada and Hawaii, protects  
the rights of almost half of the  
1300 disabled veterans in these  
states who are eligible for cars.  
It also will enable approximately  
200 West Coast amputees and  
paraplegics still in Mare Island and  
Letterman Hospitals to be dis-  
charged and complete their claims  
before the deadline. An amputee is  
not eligible for the \$1600 car until  
he becomes a veteran and is eligible  
for compensation for the loss of,  
or the loss of use of, a leg at or  
above the ankle.

Col. Cross warned veterans,  
however, that they must have their  
eligibility certified by June 30 in  
order that an encumbrance may  
be placed against the fund. He  
promised them still in military hos-  
pitals that once they are discharged,  
their claims will be expedited to  
enable them to beat the deadline.

"While 650 veterans in this area  
have already received cars," Col.  
Cross said, "almost an equal num-  
ber have been unable to obtain deliv-  
ery under the \$1600 price ceiling  
set up by the law. As long as their  
eligibility has been certified by VA,  
the veterans may contract for the  
cars after June 30 and VA will  
pay."

Of the 19,426 veterans in the  
nation who have filed claims for  
cars, 13,794 had been certified up  
to March and payment ordered for  
8713 automobiles.

In northern California, admin-  
istered by the San Francisco re-  
gional office, 382 veterans had been  
certified up to last Saturday night  
and 252 cars had been delivered  
and paid for. Another 62 sales  
agreements for cars had been ap-  
proved by VA.

**TERMINAL LEAVE BONDS**  
California veterans are using  
terminal leave bonds at an increas-  
ing rate to pay their GI insurance

## Study Reports Distribution Cost Too High

That it costs too much to  
get the stuff to the con-  
sumer is the conclusion of  
a special committee of ex-  
perts. (*Does Distribution  
Cost Too Much?* by Paul  
W. Stewart and J. Freder-  
ic Dewhurst. Published  
by The Twentieth Century  
Fund, 330 W. 42nd  
St., New York 18. Price  
\$2.50.) But the main  
cause is not dealer profit,  
but waste and duplication.

This report is probably the most  
comprehensive study ever made  
of the subject and is now recognized  
as the leading reference work. It is  
of special interest to labor, for the  
question of "real wages" is directly  
related to the cost of getting com-  
modities to the ultimate consumer.

**CAUSES OF WASTE**  
Wastes of distribution, the report  
concludes, are due primarily to  
"duplication of sales efforts, mul-  
tiplicity of sales outlets, excessive  
services, multitudes of brands . . .  
misinformation on the part of  
consumers . . . among distributors  
themselves, lack of a proper knowl-  
edge of costs, too great zeal for  
volume, poor management and  
planning, and unwise price poli-  
cies."

Recommendations include better  
government information for the  
consumer, grade labeling, differen-  
tiated pricing system (depending  
on service or whether cash or  
credit), more consumer co-ops and  
buying agencies, development by  
government of improved methods  
of distribution cost accounting and  
analysis, abolition of special trade  
privileges and state barriers against  
the free movement of commodities,  
more stringent legislation against  
monopolistic price-fixing, etc.

**"Does Distribution Cost Too  
Much?"** covers too much territory  
for an adequate "review." The sub-  
ject, however, is of great impor-  
tance to workers and consumers.  
This study is the best ever made  
and unionists would do well to fa-  
miliarize themselves with it.—  
A. E. S.

**REPUBLICAN  
THRIFT TOO  
SKIMPY FOR  
CARE HELP**

New York City  
The Republicans are so much in  
love with their economy program  
that they're even taking it out on  
the waiters in the House of Repre-  
sentatives restaurant, the Hotel &  
Club Voice reported here.

"Since the GOP took the helm in  
Congress and embarked on a pro-  
gram of saving the rich and soak-  
ing the poor, two waiters have quit  
because tips slumped so sensation-  
ally," said the paper, which is the  
organ of Local 6, Hotel & Restau-  
rant Employees Intl. Alliance (AFL).

"Very few of them can manage to  
make a living and a number are  
talking of resigning their jobs and  
becoming senators or congressmen  
instead."

The waiters poured out their  
woes to Rep. Clifford Davis (D.,  
Tenn.). "These Republicans are  
funny," they told him. "They don't  
bring folks to eat with them like  
you Democrats do. They eat by  
themselves or with each other. And  
they think a dime is a big tip for  
waiting on a table of four. A fel-  
low can't wait on enough tables to  
make a living."

Chief offender is Rep. John Taber  
(R., N.Y.), chairman of the House  
appropriations committee and  
leader of the GOP economy bloc.

The waiters charge that Taber gave  
a private luncheon for 35 people  
recently and left a tip of \$2 for the  
lot—an average of less than 6c per  
head.

As a result, Sec. Ernest B. Span-  
ger of Local 371 reports much  
progress in organizing the restau-  
rant.

**Ask Executive Order  
For "Fair Practice"**

Washington, D.C.  
A request that President Tru-  
man create a Fair Employment  
Commission by executive order, as  
did the late President Roosevelt,  
was made by the Committee to  
Abolish Discrimination.

Director George Weaver of the  
body appeared before the Presi-  
dent's Committee on Civil Rights  
and said an order giving the com-  
mission "jurisdiction over the ex-  
ecutive agencies of the govern-  
ment" would help guarantee fair  
employment practices.

The spokesman also declared that  
discrimination still prevails in the  
U.S. Employment Service and that  
state and federal legislation is  
needed.

Violent exercise is like a cold  
bath. You think it does you good  
because you feel better when you  
stop it.—ROBERT.

## Job Total Stays High For February, Report

Washington, D. C.  
The U. S. Employment Service  
reported that employment in Feb-  
ruary "remained relatively stable  
with employment continuing high  
and goods flowing to both produc-  
ers and consumers in record peace-  
time volume."

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## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Employment for carpenters of Local 925 of Salinas continued to boom last week, despite a temporary lull in home construction but with more and more commercial buildings getting started, reports George R. Harter, business representative of Local 925.

All members of the Salinas Carpenters Union were reported as busy, as jobs continued to start, Harter said. Any member who may find himself without work can be sent to a job by applying at the office, he added, because "of the large number of calls."

The temporary lull in home building was attributed to the high costs of materials and a lag in the buyers' market, Harter said.

Construction at the veterans housing project at the air base is in full swing with employment steady here.

Plans for a new \$50,000 meat processing plant for Lee K. Wong of Salinas were given a boost last week as the Civilian Production Authority approved the priority for the job. F. V. Hampshire has been named contractor for this job, which will start soon.

Start of construction of business houses at the new Klett Property tract on South Main Street in Salinas was expected this week. A number of new stores are anticipated.

Bro. Harter has been attending negotiations meetings in San Francisco in regard to a new contract between the California State Council of Carpenters and the Associated General Contractors, the new contract to cover 46 northern California counties.

The present agreement expired on April 30 and it is hoped that a new agreement will be negotiated in a few days.

## Apprenticeship Rate Continues to Rise In Building Trades

Washington, D.C. Although unfavorable weather conditions lowered the volume of new construction in February, the decrease failed to halt the rise in the number of apprentices hired in the building trades. The Apprenticeship Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, reported that at the end of the month there were 93,035 apprentices in the construction industry, as compared with 91,093 at the end of January, an increase of two per cent. The February figure was based on 4186 reports from all parts of the country.

## A Challenge: Read Without A Heart Tug

Centrallia, Illinois. Following are the texts of some of the farewell notes found on the bodies of 13 of the 111 miners who perished in the Centrallia mine disaster:

"Dear Sweetheart and Sons: It's now 6 o'clock. — I'm feeling pretty low, but Honey, if I don't make it, sell the house and go live with your folks. Your Mom and Dad will take care of you and the boys. Please pray for me and join the church for me."

"Tell Dad to quit the mine and take care of Mom, NOT LIKE THIS. Well Baby, and my loving boys, goodbye as I am feeling weak. Lots of Love."

"My Dear Wife: Goodbye. Name baby Joe, so you will have a Joe. Love all, Dad."

"To My Wife: It looks like the end for me. I love you, honey, more than life itself. If I don't make it, please do the best you can and always remember and love me, honey. You are the sweetest wife in the world. Goodbye, Honey and Dickey."

"Dear Wife: God bless you and our baby."

"Dear Mother and Sisters and Brothers: I am fine at 5:30 p.m. It looks better, getting some air. (Name) is in bad shape, moaning and going on. — I take care of mother. Tell — I forgive her. See about security insurance. We won't all get out. We found a place in the air a little. The smoke is bad. God bless you all. Your loving son."

## Civil Rights Chairman Defies House Snoopers

New York City. Indicted for contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over records of his organization to the House Committee on un-American Activities, Chairman George Marshall of the Civil Rights Congress said he would fight his case to the highest court. "Will the American people and the courts permit the fascist un-American Committee to function as a star chamber, as an agency of thought control, as a free enterprise for smearing and attacking labor?" he demanded.

And then there was the little girl who signed her arithmetic paper, "Mae West," because she knew she done "em wrong."

## SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS ON TURKISH, GREEK LOANS

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: "If 85 per cent of the people of Greece supported that government, it would hardly be necessary to maintain that government by outside or inside military force."

FIORIELLO LA GUARDIA: "Surely Turkey does not need food. Turkey has exportable surpluses. I know, because Turkey was to contribute to UNRRA. She didn't exactly keep her word, because Turkey never does keep her word. If the United States gets monkeying around with Turkey, it will rue the day."

CALIFORNIA GRANGE NEWS: "We do believe the United Nations organization is the prime and proper place to make that demand and that the Security Council of the UN is the proper place to enforce it."

HENRY WALLACE: "How does support to the undemocratic governments of Greece and Turkey aid the cause of freedom?"

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION: "The government proposes to bypass the United Nations and give support in various parts of the world where our cartels have economic interests, to undemocratic regimes which act in violation of every basic principle of democracy for the purpose of supporting the creation of a corporate imperialism more virulent and vicious than any colonial imperialism of the past."

## Here's Record Of Slaughter in Our Coal Mines

Washington, D. C.

U. S. bureau of mines figures given below were read into the record of the House labor subcommittee investigating mine safety by Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers:

	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Fatal Accidents	1,471	1,451	1,294	1,079	974
Non-fatal Accidents	69,564	64,594	65,900	59,350	57,000
Average working time lost per injury—40 days.					
Permanent total disabilities per year—73.					
Permanent partial disabilities per year—1800.					

Statistically, each coal miner is either killed or injured every six years.

And then there's the stenographer who is so dumb that she thinks a boycott is a male davenport.

## How Norway Labor Unions Progress Without Strikes Revealed by Former Judge

How labor and employers in Norway have largely averted strikes by ironing out their differences over the conference table and when this failed resorting to mediation with a special court of arbitration set up as a permanently established part of the Norwegian government was the theme of an address last Monday night in Bancroft Hall at the University of California, delivered by Hon. Paul Berg, former chief justice of this far-famed labor court of Norway.

"Till the later part of the 19th century," said Berg, "Norway remained a land where fishing and agriculture were the chief means of livelihood. With the development of electrical power industrial growth took place rapidly and labor began to organize into trade unions. Unlike many other countries where labor organizations encountered conspiracy laws and death penalties for their union activities in Norway the right of labor to organize was never questioned by the government. Even the police have a right to strike."

"When the Norwegian Federation of Labor was organized in 1899 it soon became the central labor organization and spokesman for all labor in Norway and it still holds that position. This was followed by the organization of the employers. Collective bargaining and resort to mediation, when agreement could not be reached at the conference table, were early developments as the means most used for settling industrial disputes."

### MEDIATION LAW

"In 1911 a large scale conflict took place. Then in 1915 the government took charge of the mediation law. The law of 1915 recognized the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively. It provided for a labor court, which was made up of two members selected by labor and two selected by the employers. Its purpose was to mediate labor controversies and bring about settlements by agreements. It also had two additional functions; 1st to interpret and enforce collective agreements after they were made, 2nd to administer penalties for violation by either party of such agreements."

"During World War I compulsory arbitration was established for the duration of the war. It was not satisfactory to employer or employees. There were illegal strikes but it was generally recognized that to apply the extreme penalties would be apt to boomerang, hence there were few punishments of strikers for such violations."

### FUNCTIONS 30 YEARS

"The labor court has now functioned for over thirty years. Collective agreements have played a dominant part in bringing about labor settlements. Both sides have adopted a policy of taking steps to prevent strikes. Employers make a practice of meeting with their employees to deal with grievances. Under the present law the right of labor to strike is recognized but work stoppages must be preceded by proper notice, following which the mediator has ten days in which to effect a settlement. If mediation fails and work stoppage follows the mediator must make another attempt to mediate the dispute after the strike has been on one month. "During the occupation of the Germans the shipworkers went out on strike in 1941. Martial law was declared and labor leaders in no way connected with the strike were shot. After that many labor leaders fled to Sweden and England, where they proceeded to perfect plans for the post-war period."

### ONE-YEAR 'NO STRIKE' POLICY

"After the war ended a 'No Strike Policy' was approved for one year. This was extended and is still in force. Unions of today are no longer merely unions. They are recognized as a leading force for stabilization. If prices go up they have a right to ask for revisions in wages and if prices go down employers likewise can ask for such revisions. Adoption of this policy has made it possible to carry on

production without interruption and is hastening the restoration of Norway. A proclamation setting forth this plan has been signed by all the political parties of Norway including the Labor Party and the Communist party. Concentration camps and firing squads developed a unity among the Norwegian people that they had never known before. Today we are basing our main hope on the establishment of international peace."

There are six political parties now represented in the Storting, which is the legislative body in Norway. A general election was held Oct. 8, 1945, which resulted as follows:

Labor	76
Right (Conservative)	25
Left (Liberal)	20
Communist	11
Farmers party	10
Christian Peoples Party	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

## Senator Kilgore Scores Hysteria; Asserts Fascism Greatest Danger

New York City

Recalling the post-World War I hysteria, Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D., W.Va.) told the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League that "another wave of hatred" is being spread today.

Speaking at the organization's 14th anniversary dinner, Kilgore said: "The so-called men on horseback, who went underground during the war, are back at their old stands peddling racial and religious intolerance. Democracy itself is being attacked by innumerable hate-mongers, feeding the fires of ignorance and bigotry."

James H. Sheldon, administrative secretary of the league, pointed out that the underground pro-Nazi movement in the U. S. is under virtually the same leadership as the old German-American Bund and that it is linked with underground movements in the Allied zones of Germany.

"It is more than possible—it is even dangerously likely—that in our agitation about the menace of totalitarianism communism we may overlook the menace of Nazism, fascism and racism which is a thousand times better financed and to which, history warns us, Americans are much more susceptible, for its disguises are harder to penetrate," Sheldon said.

He revealed that committees of American Relief for Germany Inc. are made up of "former Bundists and Hitler fellow travelers." One of the most vicious Bund units is headed by Kurt Mertig, whose secret reorganization meeting in New York was recently exposed, Sheldon said. He also recalled that propaganda from Einar Aberg, a Hitler agent in Sweden, was found among the papers of the Columbians Inc., which Sheldon's organization helped to expose.

### Cut the Flowers!

"This crime was the work of a master criminal," said the judge, "and was carried out in a skillful, clever manner." Blushing, the prisoner interrupted: "Aw, gosh, Judge, no flattery please."



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